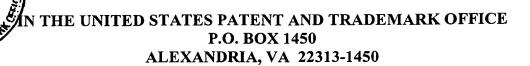
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement instructions which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the appended replacement sheet

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Appendix: A replacement sheet (substitute drawing page) is attached to this response.